

Early Childhood Education Expansion Committee Geneseo CUSD #228 Board of Education

Meeting Summary
November 2, 2023
648 N. Chicago St., Geneseo, IL

Present:

Dr. Brumbaugh, Diane Olson (BOE), Ashley Morey, Joe Mowen, Denise Ford, Sarah Boone, Sam Mathew, Sarah Mosier, Lori Tracey, Tricia Girten, Tim Gronski, Dianna Saelens, Jackie Mickley (BOE), Renee Robertson

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m.

Topics of discussion:

The meeting began with a roundtable discussion which included relevant items or updates not listed on the agenda.

The committee reviewed Gov. J.B. Pritzker's plan to [consolidate all the state's early childhood programs and funding](#) into one new state agency.

The group then looked back on the site visits that were conducted and discussed highlights, observations, and ideas.

Next steps include starting the process of creating a future model for District 228, including brainstorming and plan development.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 16.

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Meeting Summary
November 16, 2023
648 N. Chicago St., Geneseo, IL

Present:

Dr. Brumbaugh, Diane Olson (BOE), Ashley Morey, Joe Mowen, Denise Ford, Sarah Boone, Sam Mathew, Sarah Mosier, Lori Tracey, Tricia Girten, Tim Gronski, Dianna Saelens, Jackie Mickley (BOE), Renee Robertson

The meeting opened at 10:01 a.m.

Topics of discussion:

The purpose of this meeting was to review consensus building results of what early childhood expansion could look like—as well as what the committee wants it to look like—in Geneseo CUSD #228. The essential question the committee considered was, does enough information exist to move forward with drafting a plan to conduct a cost analysis, including building plans, on this expansion project?

As part of a roundtable discussion, the committee discussed updates that were not listed as an agenda item and the contents of a recent article, [“A child care crisis.”](#) The committee also reviewed our consensus building activity and the resulting artifact, which was created to 1) identify the agreed upon “Dream Big” components of an early childhood expansion through consensus building and 2) summarize what we saw and heard from our site visits, websites, photo reviews, discussions and experiences that we would like to see as part of an early childhood expansion in District 228.

The committee then reviewed a drafted plan to put action to the artifact’s list of wants, needs and desires, and considered next steps, which could include working with an architect to sketch plans and conduct a cost analysis.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on December 4.

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Meeting Summary
December 4, 2023
648 N. Chicago St., Geneseo, IL

Present:

Dr. Adam Brumbaugh (Superintendent), Diane Olson (BOE), Ashley Morey, Joe Mowen, Denise Ford, Sarah Boone, Sam Mathew, Sarah Mosier, Lori Tracey, Tricia Girten, Tim Gronski, Dianna Saelens, Jackie Mickley (BOE), Renee Robertson

The meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

Topics of discussion:

The committee gathered to review the early childhood proposal from the previous meeting and prepare a presentation to the Board of Education at its December 14 meeting.

It worked on determining whether enough information exists to move forward with drafting a plan to conduct a cost analysis, including building plans, on this expansion project. Through a roundtable format, the committee discussed relevant updates not listed as an agenda item and reviewed notes taken from a visit to Adlai Stevenson High School's "little patriots" day school.

The committee reviewed its drafted plan to put action to the artifact's list of wants, needs and desires, then made revisions for the presentation to the Board of Education that will update them on progress, sharing the plan, and seek permission to work with an architect to sketch building plans and conduct a cost analysis.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Dr. Brumbaugh will present on behalf of the Early Childhood Education Expansion Committee at the Board of Education's meeting on December 14.